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FLU UPDATE

- If you need VVFC Flu vaccine please call about availability.
- The FluMist exchange program ends January 30, 2009. All replacement requests must be received by McKesson prior to January 30, 2009 to be eligible for replacement. If you have any questions about the CDC Replacement Program, please feel free to review the program parameters on the CDC website, or call 1-888-606-3273. The Return Request forms must be faxed to (800) 371-3963.
- Please find enclosed the pre-book form for the 09/10 Flu Season. These forms are due March 31st 2009.

EXPANDED INDICATION FOR USE OF BOOSTRIX TDAP

On December 4, the FDA approved GlaxoSmithKline's (GSK) request to supplement the biologics license application for the tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine Boostrix. The vaccine is now approved for use as a one-time booster for people ages 10-64 years. Previously, it was approved for use in people ages 10-18 years. To access the December 4 approval letter, go to: <http://www.fda.gov/cber/approvaltr/tdapboostrix120408L.htm>



NEW INTERIM VIS FOR PCV, TD, AND TDAP

On December 9, CDC issued an interim VIS for pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV); it replaces the VIS for PCV dated 9/30/02. The new interim VIS incorporates changes made in the recommendations for vaccinating healthy children ages 2-4 years with the vaccine. Miscellaneous minor changes were also made. CDC advises providers to use the new interim VIS immediately when vaccinating children ages 2-4 years, but existing stocks may continue to be used temporarily. On November 18, CDC issued a new interim VIS to be used when administering either Td or Tdap vaccine. The new interim VIS replaces the VIS for Td vaccine (dated 6/10/94) and the VIS for Tdap vaccine (dated 7/12/06). Providers may use up stocks of the two older VISs. To access the 11/18/08 interim VIS for Td and Tdap vaccines from the IAC website, go to: http://www.immunize.org/vis/td_tdap.pdf To access the 12/9/08 interim VIS for PCV, go to: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/pnPCV7.pdf>

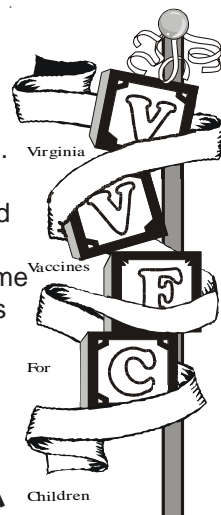
HEP A UPDATE

Merck's Vqta became available in December of 2008. Please see revised Order Form reflecting it's availability. Both vials and syringes are available for Havrix.



RECORDING LOT #'S FOR VACCINES WITH MULTIPLE, LINKED LOT #'S

The lot numbers of the Pentacel components are linked so that the lot number of one component will identify the lot number of the other component. If Pentacel is used as supplied there is no need to record both numbers - the carton lot number or tear-off lot number label on the Hib vial (which are identical) is adequate and identifies all components. However, if the DTaP-IPV component is used to reconstitute a vial of ActHIB that is not supplied as Pentacel, both numbers should be recorded. Similarly, TriHIBit has a lot number for each of its two components, and there is no need to record both numbers when used as supplied. Rotarix rotavirus vaccine (GlaxoSmithKline) is supplied in a carton containing 10 doses of lyophilized vaccine and 10 prefilled oral applicators of diluent. The outer carton, vaccine, and diluent each have different lot numbers which are linked. The lot number from either the outer carton, vaccine or diluent can be used by the manufacturer to identify the other components supplied in the same carton. The outer carton lot number is also listed on the packing slip. Only the outer carton lot number needs to be recorded.



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CINCH POSTER

Michelle Charters, MPH from the local immunization work group for CINCH in Hampton Roads has developed the enclosed poster that encourages parents to get their school immunizations early rather than waiting until just before school. Contact

Michelle B. Charters, MPH at 757-668-6488 if you would like a copy of the "Vaccinate at age 4" poster.

NONVAILABLE VACCINE RETURNS

During November, two boxes containing used syringes with uncapped needles were returned to McKesson. The following items should *NEVER* be returned to McKesson, but must be reported to the Central Office to remove the doses from your inventory for accountability purposes:

- Syringes that you filled yourself but did not use.
- Any used syringes with or without needles attached.
- Broken vials.
- Any multidose vial from which some doses have already been withdrawn.

The following items should be returned to McKesson for Federal excise tax (FTE) credit:

- Spoiled or expired product in its original vial or pre-filled syringe.
- Unused pre-filled syringes from manufacturers with an NDC printed on them.

FUTURE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BACKPAGE

Due to the State's economic situation, the Governor's Chief of Staff has directed that effective immediately (January 6, 2009), there shall be no further use of State resources to pay for the printing of documents. Therefore, future issues of the BackPage will be faxed to you.



VVFC AWARDS

*Gold Stars awarded
November-December 2008.*

Exceptional Immunization Rates

*Blue Ridge Pediatric Associates, Winchester
Lynchburg Family Practice Residency, Lynchburg
Bluefield Family Medicine, Bluefield*

(Childhood immunization rates exceed 92% and adolescent rates exceed 90% using CoCASA software)

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

*Carilion Family Medicine, Blacksburg
Clinch River Health Services, Dungannon
Children's Clinic, Rocky Mount
Woodbridge Pediatrics, Ltd., Woodbridge
Nicholas T. Kipreos, M.D., L.L.C., Stuart
Johnston Memorial Hospital, Abingdon
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